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A simple thank you

Project 351
distributed gifts
to local first
responders

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

REGION – Last Friday, 100 Granby and South Hadley first responders were surprised as they became the recipients of care packages courtesy of Project 351.

Two local representatives of the youth-led service group partook in the initiative on Sept. 11, expressing gratitude for emergency personnel on the 19th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

“We made little care packages for all the police and first responders in South Hadley and Granby,” said Granby Junior/Senior High School student Ariana Klekotka, a Project 351 alumnus and peer leader.



Photo by Dalton Zbierski

[L to R] Jenna Bobrowski, Erin Bullough, Ariana Klekotka and Leah Bobrowski distributed thank you packages to local first responders last week.

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School Committee discusses advisory board

By Melina Bourdeau
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – In what was called a discussion on potentially starting an official reopening committee, the South Hadley School Committee discussed the groups already in place making recommendations for the phased reopening of schools amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

School Committee member Allyson Garcia began the conversation stating that there was a local news story reporting the committee was ignoring one group.

In an earlier meeting, a group of medical professionals proposed the idea of starting an advisory committee

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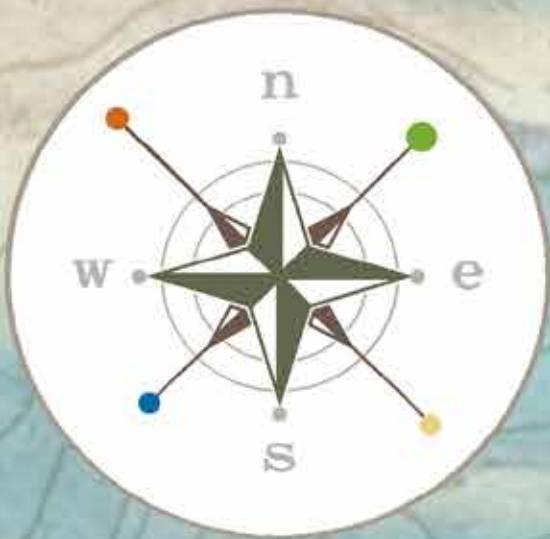
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Stop & Shop launches back-to-school snack program

Select stores to distribute free bags of snacks to help students stay fueled and focused

REGION – With schools adopting hybrid or remote models of learning this fall, many students may continue to face a nutritional gap as parents struggle to afford groceries given the financial implications of the COVID-19 pandemic – and the need to buy additional food for a home-bound family. With food playing a vital role in student success, Stop & Shop today is launching a Back-to-School Snack Program to help ease the burden on families as a result of the pandemic and ensure students are fueled for a successful school year.

Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 9 and running through early October, the Stop & Shop Back-to-School Snack Program will provide a free bag of better-for-you snacks, as well as hand sanitizer, to students who visit one of the supermarket’s 52 stores hosting the program. The participating stores include all twenty-seven Stop & Shop locations in New York City, nine Boston, stores and four Providence, RI, stores, as well as select stores in Westchester, NY; Western Massachusetts; Bridgeport and the Hartford area in CT; and Fall River.

Each store will have a weekly distribution where parents and kids can go to a designated table to receive their free bag of snacks. The parent, guardian or child will be requested to show a school ID, and there is a limit of one snack bag per child, per week. The distribution dates vary by store, and customers can look for a sign at their local store to indicate when the event will take place each week.

“With COVID-19, we know that food insecurity has increased in the United States – and studies show that is particularly true for households with young chil-

dren,” said Stop & Shop President Gordon Reid. “We hope our snack program will make a difference in the lives of thousands of families and students across our communities.”

Each bag contains snacks that will appeal to students of all ages:

- RX kids double chocolate bar: a protein bar for kids
- Whisps: light, crunchy cheese crisps that are delicious low-carb, high-protein snack
- Sparkling Ice: sparkling water.
- MadeGood chocolate banana bars and chocolate chip crispy squares: better-for-you versions of beloved treats.
- CLIF kid z-bar: organic energy snack made for kids
- Creative roots: plant-powered hydration in a variety of fruit flavors

The bag will also include a bottle of Life to Go hand sanitizer, as well as a side-walk chalk set.

Snack bag distribution varies by week, so customers are encouraged to check with their local participating store for details. For more information about how Stop & Shop is supporting its local communities during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit <http://www.stopandshop.com/covid>.

About Stop & Shop

A neighborhood grocer for more than 100 years, today’s Stop & Shop is refreshed, reenergized and inspired, delivering new conveniences for customers. Committed to helping its communities enjoy better food and better lives, Stop & Shop has a longstanding history of giving back to the neighborhoods it serves with a focus on fighting hunger and pediatric cancer research and care. The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company LLC, an Ahold Delhaize USA Company, employs more than 60,000 associates and operates over 400 stores throughout Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York and New Jersey. To learn more about Stop & Shop, visit www.stopandshop.com.

State Treasurer informs public on unclaimed property

BOSTON - During these unprecedented times, there are not many chances for a simple slam dunk. But today, as our beloved Boston Celtics head into a highly anticipated game 7, Massachusetts State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg has announced the latest grouping of names added to the state’s list of unclaimed property owners.

Over 51,000 new properties worth millions of dollars belong to individuals and businesses throughout the Commonwealth. Folks who have unclaimed property include Celtic’s owners Wyc Grousbeck and Steve Pagliuca, Head Coach Brad Stevens, and the Boston Celtics’ organization itself.

“It is time to block out distractions, take it to the bucket, and let the Unclaimed Property team assist you,” said Treasurer Deborah Goldberg. “During uncertain times, this opportunity to rebound can really help. One in ten Massachusetts residents are owed money. So, call our office today to begin the give-and-go.”

Unclaimed property includes forgotten savings and checking accounts, un-cashed checks, insurance policy pro-

ceeds, stocks, dividends, and the contents of unattended safe deposit boxes. These accounts have had too much hang time and are turned over to the state after three years of inactivity.

Last year, Treasury processed over 110,000 claims of over \$130 million in property to its rightful owners.

This newly released list includes only individuals and businesses with unclaimed property over \$100. To view www.findmassmoney.com or call our live call center at 888-344-MASS (6277).

The update of all new individuals and businesses added to the unclaimed property list will be published in the Boston Globe on September 13th and will be in the Boston Herald on September 20th. In addition, the names will be published in over 30 regional and local papers.

The Treasury releases an updated list of unclaimed property assets every six months as the new accounts are turned over to the Commonwealth. There is no buzzer beater needed for a person to claim this property and, in many cases, claimants will receive interest accumulated.

Mike Sullivan eyes retirement on horizon

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – After a career in municipal government that has spanned decades, South Hadley Town Administrator Mike Sullivan is eyeing retirement. Sullivan has served the town in his position since 2013 and expects to retire on June 30, 2021 when his contract runs its course.

“Whoever comes to South Hadley, I can guarantee you’ll enjoy it. Anyone would be lucky to hold this position,” said Sullivan. “It’s a great community and a great town to work in, and I’m sure they’re going to find a quality person.”

Sullivan previously served as Holyoke mayor from 2000 to 2010 and spent three years as the Town Manager of Maynard before landing in South Hadley. In 2018, Sullivan and the town negotiated his current contract, which mandated that he switch to a four-day work week and take a \$10,000 pay decrease from his initial annual salary of \$128,500 beginning July 1.

Now a veteran of local political theatre, Sullivan endeavors to finish the job with the same spirit he exhibited when he first entered the stage more than two decades ago.

From the construction of South Hadley’s new senior center and dog park to helping steer residents through the COVID-19 pandemic, Sullivan said he still has much to accomplish during his final nine months on the job; he has no plans to slow down.

“I still approach it as vigorously as, I think, the days I started in government,” he said. “People complain about some of the decisions you make, but that’s all part of it. The main goal is to do what’s best for the town of South Hadley. I think most people understand that. I’ve got to know South Hadley over the past eight years in a very intimate way.”

While Sullivan has no specific retirement plans mapped out, he looks forward to spending more time with his six granddaughters, all of whom are under the age of six-years-old. He added that his wife, a 36-year English teacher at Holyoke Community College in Manchester, CT, will continue working.

Sullivan commended the Selectboard for addressing his coming retirement during a recent meeting, noting that a lengthy process must be completed to select a proper candidate. If the town

fails to name a successor by June 30, Sullivan will remain in his position until one is found.

The staff in the Town Hall has impressed Sullivan immensely. He directed high praise towards his colleagues.

“There’s an incredible amount of talent in South Hadley,” he said. “I’ve worked in different towns and I’ve worked with a lot great people. I have to say that this the best team overall that I’ve ever worked with. From the people who have been around a long time to some of the newer hires, they’re really talented, engaged people.”

By nature, Sullivan said he is a social butterfly. He enjoys conversation and making

ing his acquaintance with both residents and town employees, which has made the limitations sparked by the pandemic increasingly difficult.

“I’m in the building right now with 40 other Town Hall employees that I used to see 10 or 20 times a day. Now, I never see them. I might see one person walking down the while I’m walking down the hall, but it’s not as personal as it once was,” said Sullivan. “People that used to stop in and visit; they can’t, and I miss that. I miss those visits from various different citizens just dropping by to give me their opinion and just say hello. It’s one of the hardest parts about this situation.”

Sullivan continued on, expressing that the town has “a lot of good candidates” to potentially choose as his replacement and urged younger residents to seek government positions, as a growing number of training opportunities are becoming available.

When asked to offer words of wisdom, Sullivan made it clear that one must keep his or her composure during difficult situations to lead effectively. He shared one of the most valuable lessons that he ascertained during his career.

“If I’ve learned anything over my tenure in government is that you have to stay calm,” said Sullivan. “You can’t get panicky about these things, whether it’s a pandemic or it’s a storm or a piece of equipment that fails. We lose all perspective when we lose our heads. Sometimes we tend to get overly excited about situations when what we really need is to just stay calm and use our training and understanding.”

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Town Administrator
Mike Sullivan

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SOUTH HADLEY COUNCIL ON AGING SCHEDULE

Staff Report

SOUTH HADLEY – All virtual and phone-in programming is free to South Hadley Council on Aging members. Email Program Coordinator Kerry Ouimette at kouimette@southhadleyma.gov or call 538-5042 to leave a message for Ouimette.

Monday from 10 to 11 a.m.:

Tai Chi with Denise (Zoom)

Wear some comfy clothes and move and flow with Denise. This meditative martial art form is done standing.

Tuesday from 9 to 9:45 a.m.:

Mindfulness practices with Kerry (Zoom)

Grab a straight back chair. Wear some comfy clothes. Learn some basics for stress management and calm during challenging times. Deep relaxation is heavy in the rotation of practices offered.

Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m.:

Fitness basics with Lindsey:

45 minute class (Zoom)

Grab a straight-back chair and light weights (soup cans work, too!)

Tuesday from 2 to 3 p.m.:

Social Singalong for Every Voice with Kerry (Zoom)

COA staff provides the music and the lyrics that you can see and sing along to. We all provide our raw talent and star power. Requests and participation encouraged. We all sing and laugh together.

New series: Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. (Sept. 16 to Oct. 21)

Six weeks of gentle yoga Michele (Zoom)

Join Michelle from Serenity Yoga for this special six-week series. No cost. Please email Kerry at KOuimette@South-

HadleyMA.gov to register and for payment instructions.

Wednesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m.:

Creative collage with Linda Herron: art for everyone (Zoom)

If you have some old magazines, books or maps with color and pictures, a pair of scissors, some glue or a glue stick, some paper, something to draw with (crayons, markers, pens) and an open mind, you can unleash your inner artist with collage. The wonderful thing about collage is that there is no right or wrong. Linda is there to prompt and guide you as little or as much as you need. She has techniques, prompts and an encouraging spirit to share with you.

Wednesday from 11 to 12 p.m.:

How to use Zoom Features with Kerry (Zoom)

Okay, you have gotten on Zoom and can join in now. What next? Learn how to share screens, set up your own meetings with friends and family, how to play games, or simply ask questions and share what you know. (Five person maximum per weekly session.)

Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m.:

Reminiscing with Brenda (Zoom with Phone In)

Sit back and relax and reminisce with Brenda about different topics every week. Brenda starts with a topic that she picks draws from out of many, and you all contribute your memories and snapshots in time.

First and third Thursdays from 9:15 to 10 a.m.:

Game Day with Brenda (Zoom with Phone In)

Join your Host, Brenda, to play various games. Brenda chooses different games from month to month.

Thursday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.:

Watercolors with Tina (Zoom)

Tina will spend two hours with you as she guides you through watercolor techniques and helps you tap into your creativity. Get your home artist space set up and paint away!

Thursday at 10:15 a.m.:

Seated and standing yoga with Elizabeth Nett (Zoom) class is free to all South Hadley Council on Aging members. Thursday at 10:30 a.m.: Fitness basics with Lindsey (see Tuesday at 10:30 for details)

Fourth Wednesday of the month from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: book club partnership with the South Hadley Library (Zoom with phone in) Curbside and masked lobby pick-up available at South Hadley Public Library. Book club books available in audio, large print and e-book formats. Discussion questions provided.

Holyoke YMCA fitness partnership with the COA for free remote classes (Zoom) **Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 a.m.:** Join Davi on Monday for Gentle Yoga (45 minutes) and on Wednesday and Friday for Active Older Adults, aka AOA (30 minutes). Contact Kerry at kouimette@southhadleyma.gov to sign up. This offering is made possible thanks to the Holyoke YMCA.

Social service and support programing

Alzheimer’s Caregiver Mutual Support Group: First and third Thursday of the month at 10 a.m., Zoom and phone-in. Facilitated by Leslie Hennessey, director of the COA. This is a mutual support group for caregivers of loved ones with Alzheimer’s Disease, dementia or any other memory loss illness. Members share personal experiences (or not) and offer one another emotional comfort and moral support. The benefits of participating in this group include feeling less lonely, isolated or judged. The group is open to new participants. Call or email Leslie for the phone/ZOOM link. New participants welcome. This program is funded in part with funding from the Older Americans Act

OAA Title III Program through a grant from WestMass Elder Care.

S.H.I.N.E Counseling by phone: SHINE counselor Eileen Burke will take phone calls to address your questions concerning Medicare, supplemental plans, prescription drug plans and other insurance questions. Call the COA at 538-5042 to schedule a phone call with Eileen. SHINE calls will be made on Thursday mornings between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.

Low Vision Group Meeting every second Tuesday of the month, 10 to 11:30 a.m. by phone:

Call Ann for information at 538.5042 New participants welcome.

Check-in phone call

Sign up to have a senior center staff member call you weekly to just chat, talk about what’s new at the center and discuss ways to keep you connected with friends. Call 538-5042 or email lhennessey@southhadleyma.gov. Foot nurse

Registered Nurse, Sharon Beaulieu, a certified foot care specialists will make house calls. Call 413-552-9533 for an appointment. Sharon wears a mask and gloves.

Hello friends note cards

Some people think mailing a notecard to a friend is a lost art, not to this group of volunteers. This volunteer run program is all about “keeping in touch the old fashioned way!” Do you know someone who would like a friendly note to brighten their day? Let us know; we’d be happy to send some cheer their way.

Nervous or unsure about how to use zoom or how to phone-in? It’s okay! There is a learning curve for everyone. Kerry will send you a link to a YouTube video on how to use Zoom when you send her an email. Kerry can also arrange a time for a phone call to help you troubleshoot, to answer questions you might have, and to help get you up and running on Zoom. We are all in this together, so let’s learn together.

Look for COA programming on channel 15!

SCHOOL from page 1

for the schools, in opposition to the district’s current remote learning plan until November.

“We have people we seek advice from now,” Garcia said in her opening comments. “We have the Board of Health, the Health Director, Director of Nursing and the school’s physician. I don’t want there to be a narrative (that they don’t consult outside sources). We don’t have an advisory committee, but should we?”

School Committee Chair Kyle Belanger thanked Garcia for bringing up the topic.

“We do have an advisory group, we have a large swath of experts who are routinely consulted, and I want to thank you for putting it on there,” he said. “Our next phase has never been closer because the plan is in action.”

Stating that he would not want the group that recently formed to be the advisory committee but would accept one to two members in a larger group, School Committee Charles Miles said he liked the idea in principle.

“I like the idea of an advisory group to have us do background research, help us with information and decision making,” he said. “At this stage, where we’ve consulted with the Public Health Director and all of the experts we could round up, I think the idea of having some parents and medical professionals to give that advise would be helpful, but I would be reluctant to support that group as a body becoming that.”

Interim Superintendent Diana Bonnevillle said while the schools are problem solving some issues like more asynchronous learning for the younger grades, the district has the same goal as the parents,

teachers and staff – to get the children back in the building safely.

“We want to get as many students into the school as soon as we can,” she said. “We all have the same goal. Now we have safety metrics in place. I think we’re progressing quite nicely. I’m not opposed to an advisory group. There are a lot of players here at work; you’re going to sit down with administrators, teachers, parent, union members, the school committee – nothing is going to get done.”

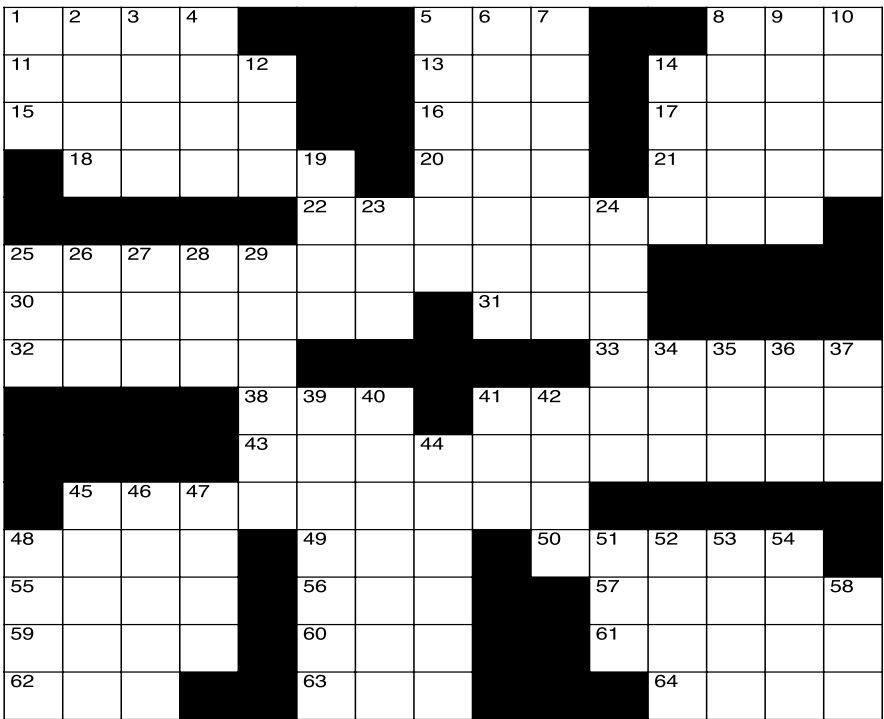
Committee member Allison Schlachter said she agreed with Bonnevillle in that there would need to be representation from each stakeholder.

Acting South Hadley High School Principal Elizabeth Wood said there are also currently reopening task forces at each building in the school with about 10 members on each task force. Members include teachers, union members, medical professionals and administrators.

“I think their voice is so important,” Wood said. “I’ve been working with the student council...we are doing a feedback form for students, parents and staff so we can get feedback from those interested parties as well... Everyone is making a choice for their family. It feels like for me, there are a lot of cooks in the kitchen. It can be difficult to determine facts, opinions and emotions.”

School Committee member Christine Phillips wanted to remind the committee and the community that although the school physician resigned, the district is in the process of replacing him.

Another point raised in the meeting was that the district is looking into getting students with special needs back into the building at some point in early October, which was supported by the school committee members.



CLUES ACROSS

- Greasy powder (abbr.)
- Rural Free Delivery (abbr.)
- Amount of time
- Greeting
- Form of “to be”
- Israeli diplomat
- Outfit
- The 13th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- Deceptive movement
- Anxious
- Popular Letterman guest
- Saints’ signal caller
- Intoxicate
- Relationship
- Ask for one’s hand in marriage
- Popular Will Ferrell film
- Gargle

- Warning sensation before migraine
- Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- Erases
- At ease
- Small branch of an artery
- Mother of Hermes
- Body part
- Cavalry sword
- Wellness chants
- Helps little firms
- Afflicted
- Peep
- Nellie ___, journalist
- Spiritual leader
- Doctor of Education
- Affirmative
- Cheek

CLUES DOWN

- Popular kids’ game

- Away from wind
- Round water pot
- Drink quickly
- A simple type of jet engine
- Something for nothing
- Painkiller
- Siskel’s pal
- Strong spirit distilled in Turkey
- Again
- Imitate
- Icelandic poems
- Jacob ___, American journalist
- No (Scottish)
- Newborn
- Credit term
- Nonprofit research group in CA
- Male offspring
- Important baseball stat
- A way to compel

- Fiddler crab
- Jewish equivalent of “Sir”
- Every
- Midway between east and southeast
- Anti-slavery treaty
- A friendly manner
- Military figure (abbr.)
- Area units
- Sudden
- incursions
- Expressed pleasure
- Covered with hoarfrost
- Job
- Donkey
- Swiss river
- Prejudice
- Actor Idris
- Light dry-gap bridge (abbr.)
- Criticize

Fall slate full for library

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley Public Library is entering autumn with expanded services, increased hours and a motivated staff. After months of limited availability, the lobby of the library at 2 Canal St. will resume its regular service hours.

From Monday through Wednesday, the lobby will be open and staff will be available in person and by phone from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. On Thursday and Friday, the facility will open at 9:30 a.m. and close at 6 p.m.

“It’s part of our gradual trend to try to continue to restore some of the services that have had to be cutback with the pandemic for different reasons. This is one more way that we are trying to move in the right direction to provide more access to the library for our patrons,” said Library Director Joe Rodio.

The takeout service that the library implemented in July has been successful. Rodio was encouraged by the response he saw during the library’s limited hours of availability and expects numbers to rise as hours expand.

Now more than a one-dimensional library, the South Hadley facility offers patrons access to an array of digital materials that include, but are not limited to, eBooks, magazines, databases, videos and books.

“Now, I think that library card has never been as important, especially with people learning from home and working from home there are so many resources that we have either locally available or through our library or through the state of Massachusetts,” said Rodio.

He added that, “students can use resources to assist with remote schooling and professionals can use them while working from home,” as the library tries to broaden the assets that a library card can unlock.

Residents can apply for a library card online at shadleylib.org. Patrons will receive immediate access to all online resources even while a new card is in the mail.

Gaylord Library at 47 College St. near Mount Holyoke College, is a branch of the facility on Canal St. Since opening in 1904, Gaylord has been a fixture in South Hadley for both residents and college students and continues to serve as a vital resource.

“It’s a building that certainly has a lot of history in South Hadley and a lot of value for people in South Hadley,” said Rodio. “We’re pleased that we can help sustain the services and continue the tradition there by providing the library services in the building.”

On Thursdays and Fridays from 12 to 4 p.m. while supplies last, Gaylord will host “Story Strolls,” events that allow patrons to read outdoors while walking around the property’s expansive grounds. The concept was developed by Janet Shea, Youth Program Coordinator at Gaylord.

“Story Strolls are a way to be able to bring the library outside to people and meet them in a safe environment,” said Rodio. “Gaylord certainly has beautiful grounds, and the staff was looking for a way to take advantage of that location and bring some of the stories outside to people who weren’t able to come inside to enjoy them.”

Gaylord’s home delivery service, which was cancelled years ago, has also been revived. Rodio explained why now is the appropriate time to resume home deliveries.

“We don’t want a lack of accessibility or lack of transportation to be a reason that someone can’t enjoy library materials,” he said. “This seems like as good of time as any if not the best time to reintroduce that service. We are providing that service to anyone in South Hadley if they have a medical issue or a transportation issue that makes it difficult for them to get to the library.”

It will be months before either library reopens to patrons. From the state of the virus to each facility’s ability to clean its many surfaces, reopening the buildings will be a challenging endeavor.

“We aren’t going to be open until we’re sure that we have the capability both staff wise and the capability wise to keep our area safe and clean and disinfected,” said Rodio. “It’s a high touch environment. People come in and touch books and put them down, and children run their hands over things. There’s counter tops and bookshelves and individual books; there’s a lot of things that get touched in a library environment.”

COA book club

The library is partnering with the Council on Aging to select and provide books that lend themselves to great book discussions. SHPL will provide access to print, audio and eBooks for each month’s book selection. Items can be picked up in the library lobby (just ask for the COA book club selection). The September discussion will take place online via Zoom on Wednesday, Sept. 23 to discuss “An American Marriage” by Tayari Jones. Seniors with transportation issues can use our homebound delivery service mentioned at the end of this email. Kerry Ouimette from the COA will kick off and facilitate the club; we are looking for a COA member to facilitate future meetings. Call 413-538-5042 or email Kerry Ouimette at kouimette@southhadley.ma.gov for more information.

Teen takeaways

Teens (ages 11 through high school) can sign up for our new subscription box service! Each month will have a new craft and other surprises. No virtual meetings needed. Relaxing and fun. Sign up once and receive each month’s box. September’s subscription box featured origami decompression M craft, fidget link, stress ball and bubbles. October’s subscription box will feature a bat craft, silly putty, and a cookie recipe. For more information email Teen Program Coordinator Bethany Roberts at broberts@cwmar.org.

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COA Food Service Director Billy Poe and Director Leslie Hennessey enjoy a festive initiative during which a Mooicious ice cream truck offered treats for seniors who drove through the parking lot of the temporary senior center on E. Parkview Dr.

Council on Aging brings virtual resources

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley Council on Aging has been as resilient as any operation in town as the COVID-19 has made 2020 a year to remember or, for many, to forget.

While the senior center, temporarily located at Saint Theresa Parish on E. Parkview Dr., is closed to the public, its many virtual resources are readily available. Program Coordinator Kerry Ouimette emphasized that the COA has not deviated from its mission of connecting seniors.

“We’re finding that the center is still lending people that connectivity that people are sometimes missing,” said Ouimette. “We have a lot of seniors that may have the opportunity to see their friends in person right now distantly or might have some things going on during this warmer weather, but as the weather gets colder we think that more and more seniors will be more on board with getting onto these platforms.”

The COA is facilitating a number of opportunities that aim to benefit the physical and emotional health of local seniors. From fitness tutorials to various games, there are many free programs available.

A recent partnership with the Holyoke YMCA enables South Hadley seniors to partake in cardio, strength training and chair yoga. The program is made possible by Davi Guiel, Health and Wellness Coordinator at the Holyoke YMCA.

“They’re generously including us in their regular classes, which is great for those who are maybe on a budget and looking for a connection. It’s a great opportunity to for people to see how these online formats work and get familiar with them as well,” said Ouimette.

Seniors who are not comfortable with Zoom, the virtual platform that supports much of the center’s programming, need not worry. Participants can partake in most activities over the phone.

Ouimette stressed that the COA is coordinating learning sessions that help to familiarize seniors with Zoom. Adding that she can be reached for assistance via both phone and email, Ouimette encouraged seniors to make the most out of technology.

“If you’ve never done it before it can feel quite daunting, but it’s amazing how quickly people adapt to it once they get used to it,” she said. “We’re all in

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Lesser to resume weekly Lunchtime Livestream series

Staff report

SPRINGFIELD – This Friday at noon, Senator Eric P. Lesser, D-East Longmeadow, will resume his weekly Lunchtime Livestream series with his first guest of the fall, Phil Korman, executive director of Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture.

The livestream will focus on local agriculture in the era of COVID-19, Senator Lesser’s role as Co-Chair of the Food Security Task Force, and the nonprofit work that CISA has been doing in the community for the past 25 years. Across the commonwealth, one in five households with children are experiencing food insecurity, and 520,762 households rely on

SNAP benefits to help them afford an adequate diet as a result of the pandemic.

Over 250 farms as well as many dedicated members of the community participate in CISA’s programs. Their most popular programs connect farmers and the community, improving farm business viability, and enhancing the quality of life for residents across the region. In his role as executive director, Phil Korman leads the organization in its mission to strengthen farms and engage the community to build the local food economy with over 25 years’ experience in management and raising resources at nonprofits.

The livestreams will begin at noon at twitter/ericlesser and facebook.com/EricLesserMA.

Annual Tell It Slant Festival, poetry marathon

Staff Report

AMHERST – Produced by the Emily Dickinson Museum, with support from the Amherst Business Improvement District, the Massachusetts Cultural Council and in partnership with the Jones Library, the Tell It Slant Poetry Festival (formerly the Amherst Poetry Festival) celebrates the poetic legacy of Emily Dickinson and the contemporary creativity of the Pioneer Valley and beyond.

During the year of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 Festival will be an entirely virtual event and all programs are free to the public from Sept. 14 to 20.

The Festival’s new name “Tell It Slant,” was selected in homage to Dickinson’s poem, “Tell all the truth but tell it slant,” underscoring the revolutionary power of poetry to shift our per-

spective and reveal new truths.

Headlining this year’s festivities are Ada Limón, Jericho Brown, Franny Choi, Shayla Lawson, Kimaya Diggs, and the Emily Dickinson Marathon.

The cornerstone of the Festival, the Emily Dickinson Poetry Marathon, is an epic reading of all 1,789 of Emily Dickinson’s poems. This year, the marathon will take place online over seven sessions hosted by collaborators including the Jones Library, the Houghton Library, the Folger Shakespeare Library, Amherst-Pelham Regional High School and the Emily Dickinson International Society.

The Tell It Slant Poetry Festival remains committed to featuring and serving established and emerging poets who represent the diversity of the contemporary American poetry landscape and to fostering community by plac-

ing poetry in the public sphere.

The annual event attracts a diverse audience of Dickinson fans and poetry-lovers, including families, students, educators, aspiring writers and those who are new to poetry and literary events.

Past Festival headliners have included James Tate, Dara Weir, Martín Espada, Kaveh Akbar, Aimee Nezhukumatathil, Adrian Matejka, Paige Lewis and Ocean Vuong.

The Festival schedule also includes behind-the-scenes tours of Dickinson archives with Amherst College Frost Library’s Special Collections and Jones Library’s Special Collections, intimate guided creative sessions which immerse participants in the Dickinson Homestead, a poetry open mic, a Dickinson poetry discussion group, an ekphrastic poetry workshop, readings and a masterclass.

GUEST COLUMN

Face Coverings and Distancing on Mount Holyoke's Campus

For decades the Mount Holyoke campus has been a favorite place for visitors from the local community—and beyond—to stroll, to run and to enjoy the wonders of what is consistently called one of the most beautiful campuses in the country. Indeed, the openness of our campus is a symbol of our longstanding and ongoing partnership with South Hadley and surrounding communities.

We have no problems attracting visitors here, even now in the midst of an unprecedented pandemic. A central concern at this time, of course, for visitors, for our residential students and for employees working and living on or around campus, is maintaining and protecting community health. We want to remind our neighbors to please bring face coverings with you when you visit our campus, practice physical distancing and wear a mask or face covering when physical distancing isn't possible. It is sometimes hard to predict when you might happen upon another individual or group on a campus, especially on a narrow trail or pathway, so we ask that you always have a mask or face covering handy. Signs around campus reinforce these messages.

At Mount Holyoke we are committed to maintaining our openness, but we are just as committed to protecting campus and community safety. To that end, all buildings—including our art museum, library, field house and greenhouse—are closed to the public, regardless of mask wearing. Campus visitors will not be allowed into the buildings for any reason, including needing a restroom.

There have been many questions about fishing on campus. Those who want to fish at Upper Lake from the shore should have appropriate fishing licenses and respect all College rules, including those related to social distancing and mask wearing. Fishing is not allowed on Lower Lake from Park St. down to Morgan St., and violators will be asked to leave the campus. We also ask that you take your trash with you, and please keep your dogs leashed at all times.

We look forward to continuing to welcome visitors to campus as long as safety protocols are followed. And, while we all look forward to the day when face coverings are a thing of the past, those days are not here yet.

Through the inspiring leadership of local and state officials and through the readiness of Massachusetts residents and businesspeople to limit the spread of COVID-19, often at significant costs, economic and otherwise, the Commonwealth has mounted an impressive campaign against this disease. It is important that we do not let up now, when we have made so much progress.

Our collaboration and cooperation in these safety measures can only hasten the arrival of the day when they are no longer necessary. We look forward to seeing you around campus—from a distance, of course.

By Shannon D. Gurek, vice president for finance and administration and treasurer of Mount Holyoke College and South Hadley resident, and Marcella Rumell Hall, vice president for student life and dean of students of Mount Holyoke College and South Hadley resident.

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Opinion

GUEST COLUMN

We're all in this together

By Lee H. Hamilton
Guest columnist

We are a nation adrift. Even before the pandemic and George Floyd's death, the U.S. was piling on problems with little sense that we had either the leadership or the political will to address them. The coronavirus and Black Lives Matter protests have amplified those challenges, throwing older ones into stark relief and adding new ones.

I am as convinced as ever that this country has the strength and ingenuity to find its way out. I don't know about you, but I see rising out of the multiple crises besetting us a bedrock recognition that there is much work to do, which requires a new willingness to overcome the inertia of recent years.

Not that this will be easy: the scale of our problems is too immense to resolve them outright. The stark inequities in economic opportunity, policing, and criminal justice that have sparked ongoing protests are too deep-seated for quick fixes—though, hearteningly, there seems to be a widespread conviction among ordinary Americans that

change is due. The economy in recent years has done just fine for a relatively small group of people at the top but has left too many Americans fearing that they won't be able to fend for themselves or their families. These differences are even more glaring now: the pandemic is eviscerating small businesses and upending the lives of millions as larger companies and well-connected entrepreneurs position themselves to thrive. Digging out will be the work of years.

We face other immense issues that have been allowed to drift. People who are chronically sick today have their lives upended and often wind up in debt, yet much as we talk about health care being a human right, we don't act that way. Many Americans worry that immigrants are taking jobs and reshaping the lives they know, yet our political system has been unable to move beyond either "fence them out" or "welcome them" to reckon with how we adjust creatively and humanely to demographic change. Our tax code is riddled with loopholes created for and exploited by people of higher income,

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IN THE GARDEN

Winter rye is a great investment in next year's garden

You might think that sowing the seeds of anything this time of year is a waste. Not so! In fact, planting winter rye is a great investment in next year's garden. Who couldn't use a bit more organic matter in their soil? I know I could, and incorporating winter rye grass into the garden patch come Springtime is a great way to achieve that goal. Winter rye is one of the few winter hardy cover crops.

What exactly is a cover crop? A simplified but accurate definition would be: "a group of like or mixed plants that protect and enrich the soil." Instead of leaving the ground barren for any length of time, and thereby at risk of erosion and nutrient loss, we plant cover crops. Experienced cover croppers plant them even in the summer months, in any part of the garden not taken up by crops. I have been most successful utilizing them during late fall and winter.

Winter rye (*Secale cereale*) is my cover

crop of choice. It is hardy in our area and can be planted successfully after the garden is cleaned up for the season. As its name would suggest, winter rye is a grain that belongs to a

large plant family by the name of Gramineae. Besides other grains such as wheat, barley, and oats, this family includes bamboo and many of our favorite lawn grasses among its members. Many legumes and clovers are also used as cover crops. They have the advantage of "fixing" nitrogen from the air and returning it to the soil where it can feed other plants. One legume by the name of hairy vetch will successfully overwinter in our climate and is often used as a companion to winter rye. It can't be sown as late, however, so I stick with my old stand-by.

Winter rye, when sown in the early fall establishes itself quickly. Thick, fibrous roots anchor the soil during the winter

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A QUOTE

of NOTE

"I'm in the building right now with 40 other Town Hall employees that I used to see 10 or 20 times a day. Now, I never see them. I might see one person walking down the while I'm walking down the hall, but it's not as personal as it once was."

said South Hadley Town Administrator Mike Sullivan in the story "Sullivan eyes retirement on horizon."

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Backing the blue

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

It's been a difficult year for law enforcement personnel all throughout the United States of America. As more focus has been fixed on the deaths of unarmed Black and Brown people during interactions with some police officers across the nation, officers everywhere have become a target for peoples' unhappiness with these incidents. Hoping to buck the trend, Western Mass Back the Blue voiced its support for local first responders in a major way on Sept. 12,

as the Facebook group coordinated a car parade that began Southhampton, traveled to Easthampton and Northampton and ended in South Hadley. "Our group is solely put together to show support for the police in this time where they are mainly dealing with hate and physical abuse," said organizer Brandon LaBranche. Planning the event was an extensive process, said LaBranche, who noted the importance of choosing locations that are accessible to the majority of the group, which consists of over 1,300 members.



A parade in support of local law enforcement ended in South Hadley last weekend.



Western Mass Back the Blue, a group of local residents who support law enforcement, made a statement by holding a car parade spanning four towns on during a Sept. 12.

LaBranche has been discouraged in recent months after viewing the sentiment towards law enforcement both locally and nationally. Those who participated in the car parade last weekend delivered a message of encouragement to police officers in western Massachusetts. "It is very important [to offer gratitude], and that's 100% why we do these events. They're risking their lives and getting backlash for doing their jobs. They need all the support and held they can get," said LaBranche. LaBranche and his peers did not consider the event to be a protest but rather a show of unity and positivity. All participants were mindful of COVID-19 precautions. "I always make sure to bring up the social distancing and mask rules that are in place so that we know we have to follow them as much as possible," said LaBranche. "I think these are COVID-friendly events though because everyone hangs out around the cars they come in and wait for us to start the event. We're never in really big groups or close to each other." LaBranche was enthused by the turnout to last Saturday's car parade. The events allow him to become acquainted with members of the group that he had never before met face to face. "I'm always happy with the turn out we get because the energy everyone brings is just awesome. It's always a good time; without a doubt everyone is always respectful. Even with the hate we get we all keep to ourselves and just focus on what we are there to do," said LaBranche. Western Mass Back the Blue is currently planning its next convoy; more information can be accessed on Facebook.

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this together, we're all learning together and we all make mistakes. Technology isn't perfect, and neither are we. You have to have a good attitude about it, expect that it won't always go perfect, and we're all agreeing that we're having fun."

The COA is highly conscious of the restrictions that COVID-19 has placed on seniors, who have less mobility. To counter the growing predicament, COA staff have creatively expanded programming.

An upcoming collaboration with South Hadley Community Television will allow residents to view programs from the comfort of their homes via the television or internet.



Courtesy photos

An excited pair of seniors pose for a picture in their sports car after receiving Moolicious ice cream outside of the senior center.

"It's very critical that we're trying to think out of the box as far as how we're going to stay connected, and that's where Channel 15 comes in handy as well. If you have a television, which most people have, you will at least have access to some of that programming," said Ouimette.

As summer becomes fall, meal distribution and curb-side events are also continuing. Meals on Wheels sponsored by

WestMass Elder Care is "available to many more people right now because of the pandemic," said Ouimette.

A promising partnership with the South Hadley Public Library should also catch the attention of seniors in town. A virtual book club is taking shape, explained Library Director Joe Rodio, who credited Ouimette for taking the initiative.

"We talked about different ways that book clubs can operate in an online environment and what we can do to support them," said Rodio. "Kerry has a pretty good system that she wants to do with the book group that has been ongoing there at the council. We thought that for us the best thing was to be a logistics partner to provide the materials so that the people in South Hadley who want to read the books can easily find a copy and pick it up."

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In the Classroom

COLLEGE NOTES

HCC celebrates graduating class of 2020

Holyoke Community College is proud to recognize the students listed below who have completed their graduation requirements for the 2019-2020 academic year.

HCC celebrated the Class of 2020 during a virtual ceremony on Aug. 20 and will do so again, more formally and in person, at its 75th anniversary Commencement on June 5, 2021, at the MassMutual Center in Springfield.

South Hadley residents Abdul-lah Khuram Abbasi, Logan Douglas Abbey, Jacob David Boisvere, Grace Boisvere, Amy Bourassa, Mark Brown, Matthew Peter DeLoria, Andre Ezra Deprey, Holly A. Francis, Sahara Lynn Garcia, Cara Louise Gaviorno, Kyle Douglas Gemme, Raymond Paul Guerin, Rachel Lyn Irzyk, Mikayla Richelle Kelly, Ryan Eugene Knoechelman, Kaylyn M. Labrecque, Amber Lynn Landry, Jacob Benjamin Laughlin, Haylee Joy Leonard, Samantha Lynes, Merissa Lynn McClain, Carly Mae McDonald, Elizabeth Anne Meade, Zoe Elizabeth Moynihan, Amber Lynn Noyes, Emma Ryan Parenteau, Nicole Lynn Peltier, Sarah Rose Poirier, Tamara Celest Pownall, Emily Joy Roberts, Joshua Robert Sorensen, Brandi Paige St. Romain, Kiara Koriya Taylor, Madison Mackenzie Tyrrell, Renee Jessica Wilda, Samreen Zahid and David John Zatoski.

Granby residents Joseph Stanley Bessette, Elizabeth Ann Breault, Natalie Anne Champagne, Matthew James Costa, Rebecca Ann Masiuk, Natalie C. Maslak, Olivia Am-

ber Morin, Lyndsey Adele Nobes, Katirya Mariah Parrish Segarra, Stephen B. Raina, Lucinda Enelda Seifert, Timothy James Sweeney, Ryan D. Trembley and Clayton Joseph Yanosky.

Torri Loneragan of South Hadley named to St. Lawrence University’s Dean’s List

CANTON, NY – Torri R. Loneragan has been selected for inclusion on St. Lawrence University’s Dean’s List for academic achievement during the Spring 2020 semester.

Loneragan is a member of the Class of 2020 and is majoring in global studies and Hispanic studies. Loneragan attended Pioneer Valley Performing Arts High School.

To be eligible for the Dean’s List, a student must have completed at least four courses and have an academic average of 3.6 based on a 4.0 scale for the semester.

Local residents earn second academic honors from Clark University

WORCESTER - The following local students have been named to second honors on the Clark University Dean’s List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Spring 2020 semester.

- Olivia A. Blaney, of South Hadley, Massachusetts

To be eligible for second honors, students must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, of a maximum of 4.3 (all A+s).

Founded in 1887, Clark University is a liberal arts-based research university that prepares its students to meet tomorrow’s most daunting

challenges and embrace its greatest opportunities. Through 33 undergraduate majors, 31 advanced degree programs, and nationally recognized community partnerships, Clark fuses rigorous scholarship with authentic world and workplace experiences that empower our learning community to pursue lives and careers of meaning and consequence.

Hamel honored by Western New England University’s College of Arts and Sciences

SPRINGFIELD – Western New England University is pleased to announce the 2020 College of Arts and Sciences Senior Awards. Students receiving awards are selected for a significant contribution to the department.

Nicole Hamel, of Granby, has been awarded the Harold Heye History Award by Western New England University College of Arts & Sciences. This award is presented to the graduating senior in memory of Harold Heye, longtime member of the History Department.

Having just celebrated its Centennial, Western New England University is a private, independent, coeducational institution. Located on an attractive 215-acre suburban campus in Springfield, Massachusetts, Western New England serves 3,825 students, including 2,580 full-time undergraduate students. Undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs are offered through Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and the School of Law.

Living through history

Local elementary students share their thoughts on COVID-19

SOUTH HADLEY – Much like the rest of the world, children have gone through the pandemic and are experiencing history being made from their homes.

Third graders from Mosier Elementary School were tasked with a writing assignment about their thoughts and feelings surrounding COVID-19, according to teacher Allyson Saul.

This poem could be in any form the students wished and submissions included haiku, acrostic, shape, free verse and rhyming poems. The assignment was created by Leah McCarthy.

By Chad Yacovone

I have been living with my grandma because my parents work. I miss being home with my parents and my dog. But my mom facetimes me every night. The things I’ve been doing are homework, puzzles, playing cards, watching movies, coloring, playing video games, playing outside and playing online games with my friends. I enjoyed doing google meets with my teachers and classmates. We have been making a lot of good food and baking. We even made my birthday cake!

By Devin Duquette

Concerned—birthday parties are cancelled
Open the door but can’t go anywhere
Recess is not a thing at home
Outside but don’t play with friends
Nothing is open
Away from family and friends

By Annelise Dixon

Completely annoying
Over exaggeration
Run away from people
Opposite of fun
Never happy
Annoying
Very annoying
In house
Reading more
Under a roof
Super annoying
Coronavirus
Doing work
By Jacoby Dunn
Talking to friends
Playing baseball
And football
Reading
Staying home
Playing basketball
And staying safe.

By Ian Kakos

Hey corona,
My name’s Mona
This isn’t funny,
to you this is funny but it isn’t
Ya ya bruh
Pause think about this
You’ve been mean
Nobody likes it
Can you please stop?
Please think about this
you ruined our lives
Our lives.
Please stop
We can’t go anywhere
Because of you bruh
I’m stuck at home
Because of you

By Elena Kovalchik

Caution when you’re near someone, stay six feet away
Obviously awful
Very, very bored most of the time
I don’t get to see my friends
Dumb!

By Sami LaFlesh

Closing the World
On Earth Everywhere
Really bad
Opinion of mine is that the Coronavirus is not that bad anymore
Not good
Awful
Very Dangerous
It can kill you
Really amazing that we are living through history but bad that people are dying
Up the numbers came down the numbers go
Super super evil!

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yet those with the power to change it have refused to do so. We face an ever-rising national debt, with no political will to address it. We’re involved in countless conflicts overseas, with no strategic clarity or concerted effort to ask why and for what purpose.

So, what do we do? Obviously, there are specific policies we could pursue, on economic opportunity, for instance, some form of universal basic income or at least a rise in the federal minimum wage, which hasn’t budged from \$7.25 an hour since 2009, would at least help workers save a little and reduce anxiety in times of uncertainty. But overall, how we set about fixing ourselves

matters as much as the specifics of what we do.

For one thing, most of these problems can’t really be solved, only managed. Because of their scope and complexity, there’s no single remedy. There are multiple things that need to be done, and the vital thing is to get started doing them and not be hamstrung by partisan differences.

Secondly, we are long past the point where one sector can afford to sit things out. We need government, the private sector, and nonprofits to work together. The old saws that solutions lie chiefly with government or that government is useless long ago lost their relevance. When you’re dealing with problems of this magnitude, the answers lie with both the public and private sectors, and

they need to focus together on the common good. Our federal system allows experimentation. Different approaches can be tried at local, regional, state, federal and non-government sector levels.

Finally, we all have to recognize our stake as Americans in the problems that beset the country, not just the ones that concern us directly. Our society is ailing. We have the strength to rebuild, but not if we continue to withdraw to our little warring camps and lob insults at one another. Only if we make “we’re all in this together” more than just five empty words can we overcome the enmity, division and harmful drift of the last few years.

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Klekotka collaborated with Jenna Bobrowski, South Hadley’s current Project 351 ambassador. Together, Klekotka and Bobrowski distributed thank you packages to employees at the South Hadley Police Dept., South Hadley Fire Districts 1 and 2, the Granby Police Dept. and Granby Fire Dept.

Project 351 is an independent non-profit organization which works to unite Massachusetts through youth service and leadership. Each year, it builds a team of volunteers consisting of teenagers, who represent each of the state’s 351 cities and towns.

Traditionally, the 351 participants travel to Boston and collaborate on a large-scale service project. This year’s plans were interrupted when the COVID-19 pandemic prevented members from meeting.

Instead of cancelling the 2020 service initiative all together, Project 351 has encouraged each participant to lead a small project in his or her hometown. Klekotka and Bobrowski were very much up to the task.

“I think that it’s very critical to say thank you; even just a small little care package makes their day and makes them feel great about their jobs being police, fire and EMTs,” said Bobrowski.

Klekotka agreed wholeheartedly with the outlook of her peer. She recalled the words of a local first responder, who offered both her both appreciation and an honest opinion.

“Last year, someone at Granby Fire told me that a ‘thank you’ might last for five minutes or five hours, but care packages can last for years on end,” said Klekotka. “Some people keep the little note that we send with them; they’ll hang it up for words of encouragement.”

Project 351 was established in 2011 under the direction of Gov. Deval Patrick and strives to promote kindness, compassion, humility and gratitude in the Commonwealth.

Bobrowski, an incoming high school freshman, embraced the Sept. 11 venture to each of Granby and South Hadley’s safety facilities. Like Klekotka, she is anticipating a long affiliation with Project 351.



Scott Welsh of Fire District 1 speaks to representatives of Project 351 last Friday.



Representatives of Project 351 distribute thank you gifts to South Hadley police officers on Sept. 11.

“I think it’s a great opportunity to be able to do this. I’m really happy that I was chosen because it’s only one kid per town every year,” said Bobrowski. “I’m really excited to be with Project

351 and I hope to continue it throughout high school.” Klekotka and Bobrowski were accompanied last Friday by Leah Bobrowski and Erin Bullough.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish BBQ

GRANBY – Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Granby, at 256 State Street, has held a chicken BBQ for many years.

This year’s event will be on Sunday, September 20 from 3 to 5 p.m.

The dinner will be a half chicken, baked potato and corn on the cob. Tickets are \$10 each.

This year, due to the pandemic, the event has been limited to a take-out only meal. Following Board of Health guidelines, the committee has planned a meal for \$10. The chicken will be barbequed in the pits as usual. There will be baked potatoes and fresh buttered sweet corn.

Meal service will be limited to pick up at the back of the church.

Since there will be no gathering in the pavilion, the live music will have to wait for next year.

Call the parish office to buy tickets in advance at 413-467-9821. Limited number of ticket sales day of event.

Amherst College offers free virtual music performances

AMHERST – Amherst College recently announced the 2020-2021 season’s line-up, bringing the public seven free world-class performances and masterclasses, via live webcasts. Join online for music and discussion on the Amherst College Music Department website.

If you are one of our subscribers, be assured that the college is saving your seat for you for when it is safe again to gather in person.

Fall semester

Regina Carter and Friends, 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 25

Conrad Tao, piano, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2

Calidore String Quartet, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30

Spring semester

Narek Haknazaryan, cello, and Daniil Trifonov, piano, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19

Boston Modern Orchestra Project, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021

Juilliard String Quartet, 8 p.m. Friday, March 26

Nathaniel Dett Chorale, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 10

More information is available on the college’s website:https://www.amherst.edu/academiclife/departments/music/events/music-at-amherst?mm_calendar=list/2012-W8

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Student-athletes set to begin practices this Friday

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – The week many area athletes have been waiting for has come. After six long months of no interscholastic sports, high school fall teams will be able to “take the field” starting this Friday, Sept. 18.

After months of virtual meetings, postponement after postponement from the spring season, and a month-long delay to the fall season, high school players will finally get to start working toward a modified season.

There will be at least two weeks of practices for most teams before games are scheduled to be-

gin. According to the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association plan, games can begin playing on Oct. 1, about a month past when games normally begin. Games typically start the day after Labor Day, which is when most students go back to school.

Student-athletes will be under strict guidelines as they navigate the murky waters of being able to return to action.

Agawam High School Athletic Director David Stratton serves on both the Sports Medicine Subcommittee for the MIAA’s Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors for the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Association, the governing body of

most sports and the schools in the Western Massachusetts region.

Stratton said there will be a clear focus on keeping students safe. He said the most important thing to the area schools is ensuring athletes are able to get on the field and play games without setbacks.

“We just want to be able to play and not get shut down,” said Stratton.

While players are set to take the field this Friday, they will do so without schedules finalized.

Stratton said this is because the PVIAC is still waiting for all schools to complete votes on whether they will be participating.

Among the schools the PVIAC is waiting on are Chicopee (and Chicopee Comprehensive), Pathfinder Regional, and a potential re-vote in Southwick.

Chicopee’s school committee was tentatively scheduled to vote on Sept. 16. It is not known when the other votes were supposed to take place. Southwick’s school committee had originally voted no to the Fall 1 season and wanted to postpone all sports to Fall 2. But a massive demonstration by the student population is likely leading to a re-vote this week. Southwick is the only school in the Pioneer Valley to have noted to do no sports during the first fall season. Because the rest of

the surrounding schools are participating, Southwick students argued they would have no one to play during the Fall 2 season, when football is scheduled to take place. The Fall 2 season is supposed to take place in late February through April, presumably after restrictions from the pandemic would ease up.

Stratton said he hoped to see schedules out by the end of the week once the votes are completed.

Stratton said schedules will likely be around 10 or 12 games for most teams. The MIAA is not sponsoring any playoffs, but Stratton said the PVIAC is not ruling it out.

No playoffs, but fall season of great impact in many ways

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association and the several state government agencies have finally come to agreements and there will be a “fall season.”

While there are many who are unhappy with the significantly modified rules for soccer and field hockey, you can guarantee the athletes who will take the field at the end of this week will be grateful to do so.

Granted, soccer will change significantly. No walls to block close-range direct kicks, no corner kicks to headers for goals. The game will be different.

But after six months of almost “lockdown” conditions, the athletes who will participate in these modified games will be able to take advantage of the benefits offered by playing interscholastic sports.

First, they will get to work on teamwork and great communication skills. Those will be important now more than ever as the players get used to these temporary rules. These are values and skills that are taught no matter what, but most players have gone without this repetition for six months. Soccer players, specifically, also missed out on a summer season that is always so valuable to in preparing for the very competitive fall season.

Second, many of the student athletes who will be seniors this year will not have to suffer the same unfortunate fate as the Class of 2020’s spring athletes. Those student-athletes lost out

on their entire final seasons in baseball, softball, lacrosse, tennis, track, and boys volleyball. Additionally, these seniors will be making decisions about where they want to go to college and have this one opportunity be scouted for these sports. The college recruitment process is also pretty important to most skilled juniors.

And third, everyone’s mental health will benefit from the return to high school sports. More than any other competitive sports league, even professionals, are the enjoyment for parents of watching their children compete at the highest level, varsity. When that was taken away from athletes, coaches, and parents, it was a very tough time. Instead of practicing daily, students were shuttered to their homes. They were unable to see friends, work out, and improve their skills. The extended closure of most public places further exacerbated those restrictions. Now that high school sports are returning, it will greatly improve that morale among students. An opportunity to play, compete, and ultimately, have fun. Which is something most high school athletes have not had since the state basketball playoffs were abruptly shut down on March 10.

Hopefully everyone will do their part, wearing masks, socially distancing, and making every effort to obey modified rules so nothing will be shut down as we continue the elusive wait for a vaccine and a return to normalcy.

In the meantime, good luck to the Fall 1 athletes on this important step back to normalcy.



Submitted photo

Todd Patnode won a close race to take the modified event.

Local driver Cormier wins mini-stock race

By Gary Dutton

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Todd Patnode (Swanzy, NH) made a late-race pass to earn his third NHSTRA Modified feature of the year Saturday, Sept. 12.

The high-banked speedplant completed its 13th event of the season Saturday, and when all was said and done, one driver had taken her first victory lap of the year, Aaron Fellows (Croydon, NH) had stormed to his track-high eleventh feature win, and the sizzling Curtis twins, Jaret and Chase, were again tied atop the Street Stock title race.

The Six Shooter division made its maiden Monadnock run Saturday, with southern-staters Brandon Mailhot (Epping, NH) and Adam Knowles first and second under the flags, and Granite State Mini Cup ace Skeeter Beece was dominant in both his heat and feature races.

Kevin Pittsinger and Trevor Bleau led the Mod Squad to the



Kevin Cormier, a driver from Agawam, took the mini-stock race last Saturday at Monadnock Speedway.

green in the night’s 40-lap main event, with Bleau – up in smoke a week earlier – jumping all over the opening lead. Scott MacMichael and Cameron Houle

chased Bleau to the front, but Patnode, from row four, was on the move early.

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Local golfer competes in charity tournament



Chris Tallman, of South Hadley, chips during action at Mohegan Sun Golf Club. Tallman was part of a winning team that was playing for charity.

Submitted photos

UNCASVILLE – The Connecticut PGA Pro Veteran Invitational golf tournament that took place last Thursday at Mohegan Sun Golf Club in Baltic, Conn.

This great event kicked off with a Color Guard Ceremony performed by the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and the National Anthem sung by Mohegan Sun’s Director of Transportation, Derrick Williams. From there, CT PGA Pro’s joined teams of veterans for an 18-hole scramble score competition.

Upon completion of a successful tournament where social distancing guidelines were in practice, Chris Tallman, from Orchards Golf Club in Hadley, MA, took home the Individual Low PGA Professional award, shooting a 68.

The overall winning team (-13), representing Orchard Golf Club, consisted of David Bombard, David Watson, Kyle Wylie and Jay Milkey, along with Chris Tallman, PGA.

Dennis Dungee of the Con-



Golfers gather around one of the holes during action.

necticut Section PGA, along with host PGA Professionals Philip Krick Jr. and Michel Painchaud, presented winners with crystal trophy awards and assorted prizes.

“Our goal with this annual event is to support local and regional veterans and programs through the game of golf,” said Dennis Dungee, CT Section PGA and Philip Krick, Jr., PGA Mohe-

gan Sun Golf Club.

The majority of funds raised from this event, which was nearly \$2,000, will benefit the Salute Military Golf Association of New England, under the leadership of Jerry Shanahan. This organization’s mission is to help in the healing of wounded veterans through the power of golf. To learn more, visit www.SMGA.org/Boston.

Bay State games launches 32nd year of Future Leaders Scholarship

REGION – The Bay State Games is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the 2020 Future Leaders Scholarship Program. This marks the thirty-second year of this valuable scholarship program that recognizes the leaders of tomorrow who excel in academics, community service, and athletics. The scholarship program is available to

any Massachusetts High School student in the class of 2021. Due to the cancellation of the 2020 Summer Games, participation in the Bay State Games is not required but is recommended. Six \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to the top applicants.

“Bay State Games is proud to provide valuable college scholarships to student-athletes representing high schools and

communities from across Massachusetts,” said Bay State Games Executive Director, Kevin Cummings. “While the COVID-19 pandemic impacted our traditional spring timeframe for this scholarship, we have moved the process to the fall to ensure that students in the class of 2021 will still have access to this opportunity. I encourage all former Bay State Games Summer and Win-

ter Games participants currently entering their senior year of high school to apply.”

Candidates must submit their application information online by October 15, 2020. The selection process will begin with a review of each student’s application, written recommendations, and transcripts. A number of students will then be selected for virtual interviews which will be

conducted the week of November 9. At the conclusion of interviews, six statewide scholarship winners will be announced.

Additional information on the scholarship and a link to an application form can be found at www.baystategames.org/future-leaders-scholarship.

For questions, email info@baystategames.org or call 781-932-6555.

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Patnode got up for third on lap ten, took second on the 25th circuit, and had soon reeled Bleau in. And, while almost everyone’s eyes were glued on the front pair, rookie Cory Plummer – from row six – was having a career night just behind them.

Using the inside groove, Patnode inched ahead as lap 34 was completed. Bleau stayed glued to his bumper the final six laps, matching his season-best finish of opening night in second. Plummer’s huge run netted him third, Ben Byrne came home fourth, and track points leader – third in national points too – Brian Robie was fifth.

Jaret Curtis (Rutland, NH) took the lead from Tim Wenzel on lap 13 of the Street Stock feature and never looked back. Chris Buffone used a rub to take second on lap 17 but could advance no further, earning runner-up honors with Chase Curtis glued to his bumper in third. It was Jaret Curtis’ third win of the season.

Aaron Fellows passed Justin Littlewood for the lead on lap nine of the Late Model Sportsman feature, shrugged off a late-race tap from runner-up Adam Gray, and stormed off to his eleventh win, against one runner-up finish, this season. Gray was second, and Robert Hagar third

Kevin Cormier (Agawam, Ma) took the lead from Kevin Russell on lap 14 of the Mini Stock main event, then holding strong to earn his second 2020 victory lap. Clayton finished his impressive night’s work in second, with veteran hot shoe Pat Houle coming from row six to post his season-best finish in third.

Top points man Gordon Farnum

was fourth in Saturday’s Minis, and now leads the championship points chase by 24 markers over Granby, Mass. hot shoe Nathan Wenzel.

Jason Leray set a fast pace the first six laps of the Pure Stock feature but bobbled on a restart and was quickly shuffled backward. Points leader Mike Douglas took charge on lap nine but was soon gobbled up by Erin Aiken (Claremont, NH), who then socially distanced herself from the field to score her first win this season, accomplishing the feat aboard the same car her husband, Dave, had driven to victory twice earlier in the season.

Brandon Mailhot started up front and led all the way to win the first-ever Six Shooter feature on the high banks. Adam Knowles was second, and Claremont racer Paul Colburn strong in third.

With only two weeks remaining in the 2020 racing season, fans will have another opportunity to enjoy an early-fall night of exciting outdoor entertainment when Monadnock Speedway hosts a full card of oval track racing this Saturday, September 19, on the storied quarter-mile.

For more information, please visit www.monadnockspeedway.com.

MONADNOCK SPEEDWAY SEPTEMBER 12 RESULTS:

NHSTRA Modifieds: Todd Patnode, Trevor Bleau, Cory Plummer, Ben Byrne, Brian Robie, Russ Hersey, Matt Kimball, Scott MacMichael, Kim Rivet, Solomon Brow, Brian Chapin, Jason Houle, Stewart McCormack, Cameron Houle, Eric Leclair, Brad Zahensky, Kevin Pittsinger

Street Stocks: Jaret Curtis, Chris Buffone, Chase Curtis, Tim Wenzel, Hillary Renaud, Kenny Thompson, Robbie Streeter, Paul Barnard, Bryan Granger, Ed Brehio, Craig Chaffee

Late Model Sportsman: Aaron Fellows, Adam Gray, Robert Hagar, Cole Littlewood, Will Kuhn, Camdyn Curtis, John Meany, Scott Beck, Dan Comeau, Nancy Muni-Ruot, Justin Littlewood

Six Shooters: Brandon Mailhot, Adam Knowles, Paul Colburn, Jeremy Blood, David Piper, Travis Hollins, Chris Hadley, John Voorhees, Ben Bushey, Todd Maguire, Ray Luce, Chooch Snide, Chris Colburn, Brian Stefano, Scott Wade, Dakota Lanou

Mini Stocks: Kevin Cormier, Kevin Clayton, Pat Houle, Gordon Farnum, Tim Leblanc, Nathan Wenzel, William Chaffee, Shelby Avery, Jeff Asselin, Jeff Heath, Louis Maher II, Kyle Poodiack, Jake Puchalski, Kevin Russell, Kevin McKnight

Pure Stocks (unofficial): Erin Aiken, Jimmy Zellman, Mike Douglas, Chris Davis, Damon Roy, Matt Lambert, Nolan McClay, Doug Nelson, JD Stockwell, Nick Houle, Randy Phillips, Brandon Lavoie, Cory Lofland, Jason Leray, Bruce Clark, Ryan Lawliss

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Pioneers announce tryouts for upcoming season

LUDLOW – WUP FC is proud to hold tryouts for the 2020-2021 season. Tryouts are for Boys and Girls of all age groups including an open house for younger ages:

Developmental Academy: players born in 2013-2015

First Kick: players born in 2016

This registration session will allow you to complete contact information, and sign up for participation. Please read through each page carefully to ensure that all information is provided accurately.

To ensure we can create the safest environment for your player due to COVID19 precautions, we are still working on exact dates and times to conduct tryouts for the 2020-2021 season. Players may be invited to smaller training sessions and/or limited attendance tryout venues. You will be notified with options via email.

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South Hadley Police Logs

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Editor's note: The following are brief explanations of select entries in the South Hadley Police log and arrests for the week of Aug. 10 to Aug. 30. The information was provided by Chief Jennifer Gundersen based on review of the detailed log summary. This feature is designed to provide context and explanation to some of the calls police respond to every day. Mass General Law prohibits the release of names of those arrested for domestic incidents.

Tuesday, Sept. 1
4:09 p.m. – Officers responded to a two-car accident on the Muller Bridge. As one vehicle slowed, it was rear-ended by the second vehicle. There was some damage to the vehicles, but no injuries were reported.
6:23 p.m. – A 62-year-old Holyoke resident was issued a summons on charges of operating under the influence of alcohol, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, an open container in motor vehicle, speeding and failing to stop or yield.
A vehicle operated by the suspect was traveling west on East St., while the operator failed to stop at a stop sign at the intersection of Granby Rd. while speeding. The suspect entered the intersection, striking a vehicle heading southbound. During an investigation of the accident, it was believed he was operating under the influence. Open containers of alcohol were later found inside of the vehicle. Both operators of the two vehicles and two passengers were transported to the hospital with minor injuries.
11:13 p.m. – Dispatch received a report of a vehicle on fire around Rt. 202 and 33. While on scene, officers discovered the operator was driving an uninsured vehicle while unregistered.

Wednesday, Sept. 2
1:06 p.m. – Officers responded to a two-car accident on Burnett Ave. The accident occurred when a vehicle stopped behind a DPW vehicle and the vehicle spun around, striking the front of the vehicle. No injuries were reported. Both vehicles were driven from the scene.

Thursday, Sept. 3
11:18 a.m. – Officers took a report of unemployment fraud.



Courtesy photo
South Hadley Police are looking for assistance in identifying the following suspect affiliated with a recent break-in to a residence.

Friday, Sept. 4
4:30 a.m. – An Amherst Road resident reported an incident of breaking and entering into vehicles overnight. The resident reported they saw their outdoor motion sensor light came on and realized someone was in their vehicle. The caller said the subject fled from the scene. Both vehicles were unlocked in the driveway. There is no further information at this time.
12:13 p.m. – Officers took a report of breaking and entering to an unlocked vehicle on Ashton Lane. One vehicle was in the garage and another was in the driveway. One vehicle's driver door was open and a coin purse with undetermined amount of change was stolen. There is no further information at this time.
3:13 p.m. – A North Sycamore Knolls resident reported a two vehicles were broken into overnight. The driver's door was open. One vehicle was in a garage and another was in the driveway. It was undetermined if anything was stolen from the vehicles.
10:06 p.m. – Officers took a report of breaking and entering into a South Street residence. The front window was open with a chair at the bottom. The security monitor was also cut. Undetermined amount of change was stolen. Officers are looking to identify the individual who was involved. Information can be forwarded to Detective Tucker at 413-538-8231 ext. 6319, or the anonymous tips line by pressing 3.

Saturday, Sept. 5
9:38 a.m. – A North Main St. resident reported her vehicle was stolen overnight. She had left the keys in the car. The vehicle was later recovered in Hartford CT and sustained minor damage.

Sunday, Sept. 6
4:19 p.m. – Officers responded to a two car accident at Granby Rd. and Hillside Ave. One vehicle was rear ended after it had stopped at a crosswalk. There were no injuries reported. Both vehicles were driven from the scene.

Granby Police

Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 183 calls for the week of Sept. 4 through Sept. 10. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. All information is provided by the Granby Police Department.

Saturday, Sept. 5
2:13 a.m. – Officers investigated a motor vehicle accident in the area of Burnett St. The operator drove off roadway and struck a tree. The operator was charged with operating under the influence of alcohol.
11:25 a.m. – Officers investigated a two-car accident. Minor injuries were reported.
12:44 p.m. – Officers investigated a two-car accident at the intersection of Amherst Rd. and Amherst Street. No injuries were reported.
12:45 p.m. – Officers investigated a two car accident on West State St. No injuries were reported. A criminal citation was issued to one operator for unlicensed motor vehicle operation.
8:23 p.m. – Officers investigated a report of theft at CVS. The incident is still under investigation.

Sunday, Sept. 6
11:56 a.m. – Officers investigated a report of theft from an unlocked motor vehicle on Chiscopee St.
5:21 p.m. – A criminal citation was issued for unlicensed motor vehicle operation.

Wednesday, Sept. 9
2:40 p.m. – Officers investigated a report of identity theft. The incident is still under investigation.

Stop in the name of love: Freedom Credit Union warns of online sweetheart scams

Staff report

SPRINGFIELD — Freedom Credit Union (FCU), headquartered in Springfield and serving members in the four counties of western Massachusetts and Hartford and Tolland counties in Connecticut, wishes to warn the public of emerging sweetheart scams. According to data from the Federal Trade Commission's Consumer Sentinel Network, more than \$200 million was reported lost last year by 20,000 individuals falling victim to online schemers. In comparison, 8,500 people filed claims of \$33 million in losses in 2015.

Sweetheart scammers, also commonly referred to as romance scammers or catfishers, prey on individuals looking for love or companionship online. By creating phony online profiles and backgrounds, these individuals forge relationships by gaining trust and then seeking monetary gain. Often, an emergency will be fabricated; creating a storyline and opportunity to request money from the unsuspecting victim.

"Internet dating sites have become increasingly popular, especially during the early spring months, with people spending more time inside and with more free time," explained President Glenn Welch. "With so much at stake, we want to raise awareness to protect members of our community from falling prey."

Welch offered the following signs of a potential scam. The individual:

- Professes love or affection quickly
- Asks to move the conversation off the chat or dating website
- Requests money or gifts to handle an emergency medical bill or travel expense
- Offers to meet in person, but always offers an excuse as to why they must cancel plans

"It's never wise to send gifts or money to someone you've never met," warned Welch. "While it's possible that online relationships can develop into real life relationships, it's best to be cautious of individuals who seem too good to be true, or who ask for gifts of money for situations that seem outlandish."

Consumers who believe they've been a victim of a sweetheart scam can report the incident to the FTC at [ftc.gov/complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint). For the latest updates from Freedom Credit Union, visit freedom.coop.

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and spring months, protecting it from erosion caused by wind and rain. These same roots will hold on to valuable nutrients, preventing them from being leached out of the ground during spring run-off. Besides all of that, the amount of organic matter winter rye adds to the soil when tilled in prior to spring planting is remarkable. At less than \$30 per 50 pound bag, it is well worth the monetary investment.

After the harvest what is left of my garden is hauled off to the compost pile. I hoe up the rows a bit and sow the seed by hand, "broadcast" it if you will, by scattering it in one direction, then the other. After all the seed is sown, I cover it by dragging the flat end of a steel rack back and forth in the soil. If rain is not in the forecast, I'll water every day for a few days in a row. Germination should occur in a week or so but will cease at the first sign of super cold weather.

When the ground begins to thaw, winter rye will start growing again. I glory in a green "lawn" in March, even if it is only in my garden. About a month prior to planting other crops I chop down the grass with hedge clippers and turn the plants into soil by hand. For big plots you can enlist the help of a rototiller. Here a weed whacker or lawnmower would be put to good use cutting down the grass first. This step prevents tall grass blades from getting caught in the tines of the tiller and will also expedite decomposition of the rye into the soil. It is important to wait until decomposition occurs prior to planting anything else since this process may inhibit the growth of some plants. As mentioned a month or even three weeks will suffice. If I know I am going to start peas or other very early crops I do leave a section of the garden free of rye so that sowing is easy.

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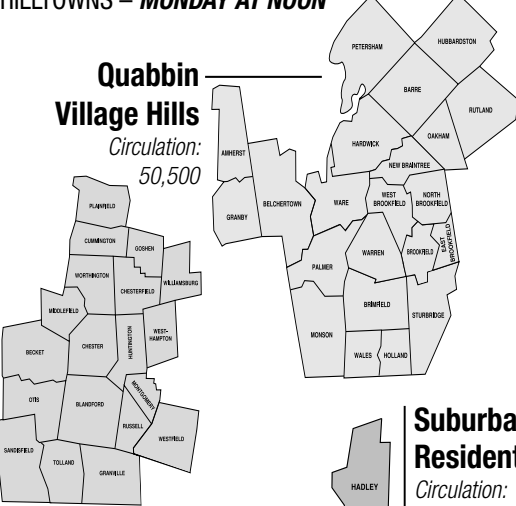
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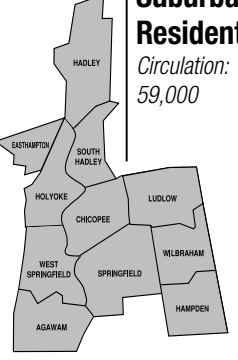


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The South Hadley Planning Board, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40-A, Section 11, Massachusetts General Laws as modified by Chapter 53 of the Special Acts of 2020 and the Governor’s Executive Orders pertaining to public gatherings during the COVID 19 State of Emergency, will hold a virtual public hearing on **Monday October 5, 2020 at 6:45 p.m.** to discuss the application of Quentin and Nicole Amrani; 14 Silverwood Terrace; South Hadley, MA 01075 for a Special Permit to alter/expand a nonconforming structure/use under Section 255-7 of the Town’s Zoning Bylaw. The public hearing will be conducted virtually/online using the Google Meet platform and persons may join the meeting by either joining Google Meet or by phone. Final login information will be provided on the posted agenda for the October 5, 2020 meeting (agenda to be posted on the Town’s website no later than Thursday October 1, 2020). Tentative login information as of September 9, 2020 is:

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The subject property has a house located thereon which does not meet the current front or side setback requirements; thus, the residence is a pre-existing, nonconforming structure. They are seeking a Special Permit to add onto the structure and the additions will be less conforming to the setback requirements than the existing structure.

The subject property is located along the north side of Silverwood Terrace and identified on Assessor’s Map Number #52 as Parcel #199. The property is located in the Residence A-1 zoning district.

Plans and the application (and supporting documentation) are on file in the Planning & Conservation Department Office (Room U6) in Town Hall. The plans and application (and supporting documentation) titled “14 Silverwood Terrace” are also posted on the Planning & Conservation Department’s “Project Plans” page on the Town’s website www.south-hadley.ma.gov in a section titled “Alterations of Nonconforming Structures”. Any person interested in, or wishing to be heard regarding, this application should appear at the time and place designated.

Joanna Brown, Clerk
South Hadley Planning Board

9/11, 9/18/2020

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Docket No. HS20P0474EA

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Town of Granby
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Conservation Commission

The Granby Conservation Commission will hold Public Hearings pursuant to the Wetland Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40) on **Tuesday, October 13, 2020** at *1 Library Lane-Old Carnegie Library-Top Floor to consider the following:

1. At 7:30 “RDA” filed by Ashley Bowman, applicant see whether the area/work depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced are subject to the Wetlands Protection Act with regards to property located on Batchelor Street and known as Lot 6 on Plan Book 244, Page 105 in the Town of Granby.

2. At 7:30 “NOI” Filed by Dakota Richards, DPR Legacy Enterprises, Inc., for a proposed construction of a single-family dwelling with a detached barn with lawn and associated grading in the buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland with regards to property located at 163 Burnett Street and known as Map 1-B in the Town of Granby.

3. At 7:30 “NOI” Filed by Daniel Cropanese, for a proposed construction of a single-family dwelling with lawn and associated grading within the 100’ buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland with regards to property located at 0 Phillp Street and known as Map 4-B-2.9 (11-B) in the Town of Granby.

*This meeting may have to be held in a remote session. Please go to <https://www.granby-ma.gov/conservation-commission/agenda/conservation-commission-19> 48 hours before the meeting to check on the status of the meeting in case you need a phone # and password to join this hearing/meeting.

Anyone interested, and wishing to be heard, should appear at the time and place designated. The complete materials (including text and maps) relative to this “RDA” and “NOI’s” are available for inspection during regular business hours at Granby Town Hall.

Edward Chapdelaine,
Vice Chair
Granby Conservation Commission

9/18/2020

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF HEALTH SETS NUISANCES & NOISOME TRADES REGULATIONS

Town of South Hadley Nuisances & Noisome Trades Regulations were passed by the South Hadley Board of Health. Copies may be obtained at the Board of Health Office.

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Community Foundation welcomes four new staff to philanthropic, program support roles

SPRINGFIELD-The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts (CFWM) has announced four new staff members to their team, filling philanthropic and program support roles at the organization. Bianca Walker has been hired as Philanthropic Officer; Nikai Fondon has been hired as Donor Engagement Coordinator; Anastasia Dildin has been hired as Grants Assistant; and Sophie Kanetani has been hired as Scholarship Program Associate.

In joining CFWM's Philanthropic Services team, Walker and Fondon will help deepen and broaden the organization's fundraising and connection with donors.

Kanetani will support the CFWM's Scholarship Program as the new Scholarship Associate. She is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College.

Walker has worked in the nonprofit field for the past 15 years, most recently as the Senior Development Officer at the Alzheimer's Association, Western/Central Massachusetts. She developed a

strong sense of devotion to, and appreciation for, the nonprofit field through her experiences as an annual youth employee with a summer work program at Data Institute. Walker is currently attending Bay Path University, pursuing her degree in Nonprofit Management.

Fondon previously served the Community Foundation for three years in the role of Scholarship Associate, and is bringing her knowledge of the younger community to her new role as Donor Engagement Coordinator. A recent college graduate from the Isenberg School of Management at UMass Amherst, Fondon has a strong passion for women empowerment, leadership and education, and, in her words, "chooses to use her position in society to uplift and encourage others of all backgrounds to become better versions of themselves."

As Grants Assistant, Dildin will support the foundation's programs team with database management and other administrative support. After graduating in 2018 from Central Connecticut State

University with a Bachelor's degree in Statistics, Dildin served one year with AmeriCorps as a data analyst and mentor program manager at Grace Academy, a Hartford school dedicated to fighting poverty through education. Dildin is currently enrolled in Central Connecticut State University's Geography Graduate program.

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